REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1, 4-8, 11 and 15-21 will be pending in the present application. Applicants canceled claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 12-14 and 22-31. Applicants withdrew claims 16-21 as a result of an election. Applicants amended the claims in light of a telephone interview with the Examiner Rodriguez-Garcia on December 10, 2008. No new matter has been added.

Telephone Interview with Examiner Rodriguez-Garcia

On December 10, 2008, Exminer Rodriguez-Garcia called and proposed amendments to the claim set filed November 13, 2008. Applicants agreed to file a Supplemental Amendment to expedite the prosecution and receive a Notice of Allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants have addressed each and every issue set forth by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in good condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (617) 871-4125. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4409 for any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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